

is so important that our colleagues speak out and make sure that people understand the difference between the simple Democratic plan that adequately covers seniors and ratchets down the price of prescription drugs, and the Republican confusing plan which gives very little benefit, is written by the drug companies, pushes seniors out of traditional Medicare into private plans, and does nothing about getting prices down.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I thank the Members, and we will go onward to the Committee on Rules. Let us hope that they actually meet sometime before midnight. We will certainly carry this forward tomorrow because we are not going to stop until we have the opportunity to have a really good Medicare prescription drug plan.

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#### MEDICARE MODERNIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, again I would like to commend the gentleman from New Jersey, the gentlewoman from Ohio and the gentleman from Ohio for their remarks. I plan to attend the Rules Committee meeting, whenever it is called to order, to put forward an amendment, an amendment that I believe is much needed. As I said earlier this evening, I believe ultimately, Mr. Speaker, that this comes down to cost. For us to have the elderly of this country unfairly bear the cost not only of private sector plans, Federal Government plans in this country but around the globe is just flat out unfair. There is no reason why we cannot do for Medicare what the VA does for its veterans. There is no reason why we cannot have formularies, why we cannot have pricing. Those who would argue that this would amount to price fixing have to come to grips with reality, that the price is fixed. In this case it is a price that is fixed on the backs of senior citizens across our country, senior citizens who, as I said earlier, feel as though they are refugees from their own health care plan, who board buses to go to Canada to get prices that they are denied here in their own country. Every western democracy, every industrialized nation in the world has seen fit to leverage the full faith and credit of their governments on behalf of their seniors except the United States of America. The preeminent military, social, culture and economic leader in the world cannot find it within itself to provide senior citizens in this country with a benefit they richly deserve and need.

My proposal is a very simple one. It takes into account what the VA is capable to do for veterans. It takes into account what the private sector offers,

what our own Federal employees are able to receive, what you would be able to get as a prescription price if you traveled to Canada, and says, take HHS, take the Department of Defense and the VA and impacted Federal agencies and have them collectively come up with a price that ultimately takes into consideration the need for research and development but also the need to come up with a fair and equitable price for the elderly. No matter what plan ultimately is conceived, if at the center of that plan we do not address the issue of cost, then we have gained nothing. And to have a plan and to be able to go back to your district and say that we propose a plan that does not take effect until 2006 when in the presidential campaign both candidates and every Member of this body, I daresay, campaigned on the fact that they were going to provide seniors with the prescription drug relief that they needed, to renege on that promise is a travesty. To be frozen in indifference, indifference to the need and wants of our senior citizens, is a sham. We have to speak out about that. Ronald Reagan said that facts are a stubborn thing and the fact of the matter is that seniors all across this Nation pay a disproportionate amount of their moneys to get prescription drugs.

My father, God rest his soul, used to say to my mother, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pauline, who won the war? The very nations that we defeated in the Second World War provide prescription drug relief for their citizens and yet we, the greatest country on the face of the earth, cannot find the money. Oh, we have plenty of money to give to the wealthiest 1 percent of this country by way of a tax cut, but we cannot find the wherewithal to come up with a prescription drug program for the greatest generation in America.

#### RECESS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move the House adjourn until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Mr. PALLONE. I second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. Does a motion to adjourn not take precedence over any other motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The chair did not recognize the gentleman for that purpose. There is therefore no question now pending before the Chair at this time, and the Chair may declare a recess.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Ohio rise?

Ms. KAPTUR. I would like to make an inquiry of the Chair as to why the

gentleman from Ohio's parliamentary request to adjourn the House was not received by the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When there is no question pending, the Chair has the authority to declare the House in recess. As such, pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the chair declares a recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2839. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Vietnam, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2840. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with South Korea [Transmittal No. DDTC 034-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c) and 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2841. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Canada [Transmittal No. DDTC 012-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2842. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to South Korea (Transmittal No. DDTC 043-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2843. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 035-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2844. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 036-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2845. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 037-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2846. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Israel (Transmittal No. DDTC 038-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2847. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany,

Ireland, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 010-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

2848. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 039-03), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

2849. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ridgely, MD [Docket No. FAA-2002-13936; Airspace Docket No. 02-AEA-22] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2850. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class D Airspace; and Modification of Class E Airspace; Topeka, Phillip Billard Municipal Airport, KS [Docket No. FAA-2003-14347; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-4] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2851. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Clinton, IA [Docket No. FAA-2003-14460; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-13] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2852. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Davenport, IA [Docket No. FAA-2003-14461; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-14] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2853. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Independence, IA [Docket No. FAA-2003-14598; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-21] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2854. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Muskegon, MI [Docket No. FAA-2002-13818; Airspace Docket No. 02-AGL-19] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2855. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Eureka, KS [Docket No. FAA-2003-14847; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-32] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2856. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Moundridge, KS; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 02-ACE-12] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2857. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cavalier, ND [Docket No. FAA-2002-14044; Airspace Docket No. 02-AGL-22] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2858. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to Class E Airspace; Windsor Locks, Bradley International Airport, CT [Docket No. FAA-2003-14868; Airspace Docket No. 2003-ANE-103] received June 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2859. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-166-AD; Amendment 39-13066; AD 2003-04-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2860. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-160-AD; Amendment 39-13065; AD 2003-04-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2861. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and -11F Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-56-AD; Amendment 39-13120; AD 2003-08-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2862. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 and -11F Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-62-AD; Amendment 39-13119; AD 2003-08-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2863. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Aerospaciale Model ATR42-500 Series Airplanes, and Model ATR72-102, -202, -212, and -212A Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-73-AD; Amendment 39-13122; AD 2003-08-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2864. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, DC-10-30F, DC-10-30F (KC10A and KDC-10), DC-10-40, DC-10-40F, MD-10-10F, and MD-10-30F Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-99-AD; Amendment 39-13114; AD 2003-08-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2865. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-CE-06-AD; Amendment 39-13140; AD 2003-09-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2866. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-158-AD; Amendment 39-13137; AD 2003-09-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2,

2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2867. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-300, AT-400, AT-400A, AT-401, AT-401B, AT-402, AT-402A, AT-402B, AT-501, AT-502, and AT-502B Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-CE-59-AD; Amendment 39-13100; AD 2003-07-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2868. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH & Co. KG Models S10 and S10-V Sailplanes [Docket No. 2002-CE-52-AD; Amendment 39-13101; AD 2003-07-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2869. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-CE-56-AD; Amendment 39-13102; AD 2003-07-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2870. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co KG, Model Tay 650-15 Turboprop Engines [Docket No. 2003-NE-06-AD; Amendment 39-13112; AD 2003-08-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2871. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-300 Series Airplanes Modified by Supplemental Type Certificate ST01783AT-D [Docket No. 2002-NM-54-AD; Amendment 39-1311; AD 2003-07-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2872. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 390 Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-CE-18-AD; Amendment 39-13139; AD 2003-09-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2873. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Twin Commander Aircraft Corporation Models 690D, 695A, and 695B Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-CE-56-AD; Amendment 39-13099; AD 2003-07-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2874. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Quality Aerospace, Inc. S2R Series and Model 600 S2D Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-CE-37-AD; Amendment 39-13097; AD 2003-07-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2875. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Kaman Aerospace Corporation Model K-1200 Helicopters [Docket No. 2000-SW-50-AD; Amendment 39-13123; AD 2001-13-03 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2876. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200B, -200F, -200C, -100B, -300, -100B SUD, -400, -400D, and -400F Series Airplanes; and Model 747SR Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-NM-15-AD; Amendment 39-13124; AD 2003-08-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2877. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11 (CL-600), CL-600-2A12 (CL-601), and CL-600-2B16 (CL-601-3A, CL-601-3R, and CL-604) Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-317-AD; Amendment 39-13125; AD 2003-08-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2878. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes

[Docket No. 2002-NM-329-AD; Amendment 39-13128; AD 2003-08-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2879. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 adn PC-12/45 Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-CE-02-AD; Amendment 39-13106; AD 2003-07-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2880. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, and 230 Helicopters [Docket No. 2003-SW-01-AD; Amendment 39-13118; AD 2003-08-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2881. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, DC-10-30F, DC-10-30F (KC10A and KDC-10), DC-10-40, DC-10-40F, MD-10-10F, MD-10-30F, MD-11, and MD-11F Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-NM-42-AD; Amendment 39-13127; AD 2003-08-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2882. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B3 Helicopters [Docket No. 2002-SW-05-AD; Amendment 39-13116; AD 2003-08-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2883. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B, B1, B2, BA, and D Helicopters [Docket No. 2002-SW-37-AD; Amendment 39-13117; AD 2003-08-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2884. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 Airplane [Docket No. 2002-NM-134-AD; Amendment 39-13110; AD 2003-07-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2885. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model EC120B Helicopters [Docket No. 2001-SW-52-AD; Amendment 39-13115; AD 2003-08-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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